

Absolute Rating Excellent
Improvement Rating Excellent

Number of primary schools with students like ours: 6.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from average to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Excellent	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

PERFORMANCE RATING CRITERIA

Student attendance rate	100%
Pupil – Teacher Ratio	19 to 1
Percent of parents attending conferences	95%
Days of professional development in early childhood devoted exclusively to knowledge and skills in working with children less than eight years old	3.5

Type of accreditation

(More than one may apply)

- ☐ Not pursuing accreditation
- ☐ Conducting a self-study
- ☒ State Department of Education
- ☒ Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
- ☐ National Association for the Education of Young Children
- ☐ American Montessori Society

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,753	N/A	\$7,654	\$5,569
• Prime instructional time	95.3%	Up from 90.9%	90.5%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio	18.8 to 1	N/A	16.7 to 1	18.5 to 1
STUDENTS (n=900)				
• Attendance Rate	100.0%	Up from 95.8%	98.1%	95.7%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	98.5%	96.7%	99.0%	96.2%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	6.1%	Down from 9.7%	4.9%	5.9%
TEACHERS (n=60)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.9 Days	Up from 5.7	6.7 Days	7.9 Days
• Attendance Rate	96.0%	Up from 95.5%	94.3%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	40.0%	Up from 39.1%	45.5%	40.9%
• Continuing contract teachers	85.0%	Up from 79.7%	82.3%	81.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	1.7%	Up from 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	86.8%	Down from 89.4%	85.6%	87.4%
• Average teacher salary	\$35,529	Up 5.9%	\$36,762	\$36,605

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Primary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	61.0%	N/A	60.7%	66.3%
• Principal's years at the school	4.0	N/A	2.5	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	94.7%	N/A	95.8%	94.5%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Poor	Good
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	0.2%	Down from 0.6%	0.3%	0.5%
• Suspended or expelled	4	N/A	0	0
• With disabilities other than speech	13.7%	Up from 6.9%	10.7%	2.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Easterling Primary School has a history of hard work and high achievement. It has been recognized as Palmetto's Finest, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, a National School of Character, a Distinguished Title One School, and a Flagship School of Promise. Easterling serves 884 students ranging from three-year-old child development through second grade. The following programs have had a major impact on our success this year:

- A parenting program consisting of a parent/community coordinator, parent resource center, van used to transport parents, and parent workshops;
- Two after school care programs serving 215 children and three summer programs serving 299; and
- Service learning activities providing students opportunities to contribute to the community.

Our teachers worked diligently and enjoyed outstanding achievement. We renewed our 5-year accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, completed the five-year school renewal plan, joined the South Carolina Reading Initiative, and participated in the Coastal Rural Systemic Initiative addressing math and science. One of our teachers was recognized as a top-five finalist in the South Carolina Teacher of the Year Program. One was also selected Distinguished Reading Teacher for the district.

A challenge our school faced this year was an increase in the number of young children with developmental delays and those with medical and physical problems. To address one of these populations we implemented an autism program including applied behavior therapy.

We are continually seeking to improve the quality of our school. Two specific goals we plan to reach in the upcoming year are the revision of our first grade curriculum to align it with changes in state standards and accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. Our community has played a vital role in our success. We appreciate your continued support.

Zandra Cook

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	84.1	N/A	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Easterling Primary
600 E. Northside Ave
Marion, SC 29571

Grades PRE-K K-2 Primary School

Enrollment: 900 Students

Principal

Mrs. Zandra Cook 843-423-8335

Superintendent

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Board Chair

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001



School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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